Leicester, (Mass.) 30th March, 1846.

My dear Lii,

The latter part of Feb. I wrote you a long letter and, adding some papers, pamphlets, &c., made up a small parcel, intending it to go in the bundle of Crosby & Nichols (containing 'Examiners', &c.) to Chapman. But I was, alas!, too late for that. My father found Harnden & Co. wanted $1.50 for taking it to London, & thinking (very rightly) that there might not be such urgency in sending, as that I should wish to pay that charge, withheld it from the Steamship, and forwarded it to his Liverpool Correspondent by the monthly Packet Ship from Boston of 5th March; and I hope it is with you before this. My father advises me always to send in this way, unless in cases where there is special need of despatch. Can you inform me whether there is anything resembling what we call a 'Package Express' between Liverp'. & Bristol direct? We have them between all our considerable towns as well as the larger cities, taking parcels of all sizes, large sums of money, &c. &c. and at a very moderate charge. If there be such a mode of conveyance between L. & B., I should try the experiment of sending ~~it~~ by it.

Your note of Feb. 13th came to me enclosed in a letter of Miss C.'s, and your note of Feb. 23d. in a parcel she sent to me — both by the Steamship of March 4, from Liverpool. I had not seen then the notice in the "Inquirer" which the "Lover of Justice & Charity", emerging from his retirement, had been pleased to take of the "Massachusetts Abolitionist's" strictures. I am not at all sorry that those "Extracts" were published. If I am not greatly mistaken, the readers of the Inquirer, who pay any attention to the matter, will see that this "Lover", for his own sake, had better have kept still than write what (not to say as) he has. But for your advice to reply, I should hardly deem it needful; but, as you are a more impartial looker-on, I shall perhaps to-morrow pen a reply. If I do, I will avail myself of your generous permission to enclose it to you; and will further say that it shall be at your disposal & Mr. Armstrong's to say whether it shall be sent to the Inquirer or not. My present intention, if I write, is to write very briefly. And who is "Amicus"? I have no idea. He writes insultingly to Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hicks's calm & quiet defence, or friendly word, in behalf of James Haughton I was glad to see. Less than that would not have been justice to him. He is a man of active, practical, daily benevolence & charity — as I dare say you know, as well as I, at least.

I thank you for 2 nos. "Daily News", which being read I transmitted to the "Anti Slavery Standard", New York. The article on the "American A. S. Movement" had been copied in the "Liberator". The style does not seem to be Dickens's. For the "anti Slavery Reporter" also, my thanks. Those too I sent to N. York, and they have been made available. — Pray look closely to what the B. & F. Anti Slavery Committee say about our old organised movement. They are very jealous of it. They owe Mr. Garrison a grudge, I suspect, for his course at the first World's Convention - in 1840. His "women's rights - doctrines" (as they were called) mortally offended some of those Quakers!!

I am glad you keep so close an eye on our American Unitarianism. That needs looking after, by all who love true Unitⁿ, at home & abroad. What you say of H. Ware's Memoir met my feelings exactly. I had said the same to my wife, and intimated that I felt strongly minded to say it in public, if I could find a medium of expressing it. She begged me not to find any fault with so beautiful a book, and I refrained. But I would not have you think she is not a good Abolitionist! - When I got your note with the extract from Miss Martineau's letter I determined to find out what it meant. I never had heard a lisp from any quarter that his resignation at Cambridge was owing to anything else than ill-health, & absolute physical incapacity to do the duty. As to Mrs. Ware's growing interest, thenceforward, in the A. S. cause, I have known that this was to some extent the case, though never publicly expressed. He was, I suppose, too ill for that. The two Anti Slavery Songs are "no mistake". One is a parody on "Lutzow's Wild Chase", and both are published in a little volume of "Anti Slavery Melodies" edited by a Mr. Lincoln of Hingham, a brother in-law of H. Ware's. I was surprised & offended that the Memoir should pass these over in total silence, or nearly that. At the bottom of p. 423 you will see, in a quotation from his Diary, that he speaks of having written "an Anti Slavery Song". I think the Memoir does not do justice to his Anti Slavery feelings & views. - But, to return. I addressed a note to Mrs. Follen, a dear friend of Miss Martineau's, who would make no use, unfavorable to Miss M., of what you said, under any circumstances. I have received an answer from her, which (if it make not the letter too weight in the Post Office Scales) I intend to enclose herein.

You ask about Mrs. H. Ware's interest in the Anti Slavery cause; and I feel warranted in saying, it is not active, and, I suspect, not hearty.

As to the India Cotton movement, see my letter of this date to Mrs. Armstrong.

I do wish — I often wish it - that I could sit down and talk with you for a day, on Anti Slavery & other matters. I would not, myself, choose to say all the things in the "Liberator" which Mr. Garrison says, but I cannot perceive why others should be so offended when what he says happens to go counter to their views, - i.e. so long as they are persuaded that he is a conscientious, pure-minded, and most self-sacrificing man. I should not do myself justice to say, categorically, that I assented to, or dissented from, your criticism on the "Liberator". I should want to explain. I wish we might meet & talk, therefore. — I have faith, with you, that <u>God will over-rule all for good</u>. With whatever faults, I regard the "Liberator" as the best paper in America within my knowledge. I have repeatedly so said this winter, & find many unexpected responses; and I am by no means persuaded that those articles, which to many seem incapable of producing any good effect, are indeed so. I have reason to think otherwise, or the contrary.

<u>Tuesd[illegible]ch 31.</u> I find myself unable to get ready the article for the "Inquirer" in season to send it by the steamship wh. leaves Boston tomorrow, as I must send (if at all) from here by 2 o'clk. this afternoon. I am the less sorry as I can now copy it out in a full hand, & easy for the printer to work from. Should I send it by mail, it must be copied in fine hand & got upon one thin sheet. I find I cannot make a <u>brief</u> article, and say what I ought to say, if I say anything. I shall endeavour to send it to you in a parcel by the packet-ship (merchant line) of 5th April, and I hope it may reach you by the 25th.

I enclose Mrs. Follen's note — the date is at <u>West Roxbury</u>. Some other words I fear you will be puzzled to decipher.

In answer to your question about the Boston Correspondent of the "Daily News", I have no idea who he is - not an American, I suspect.

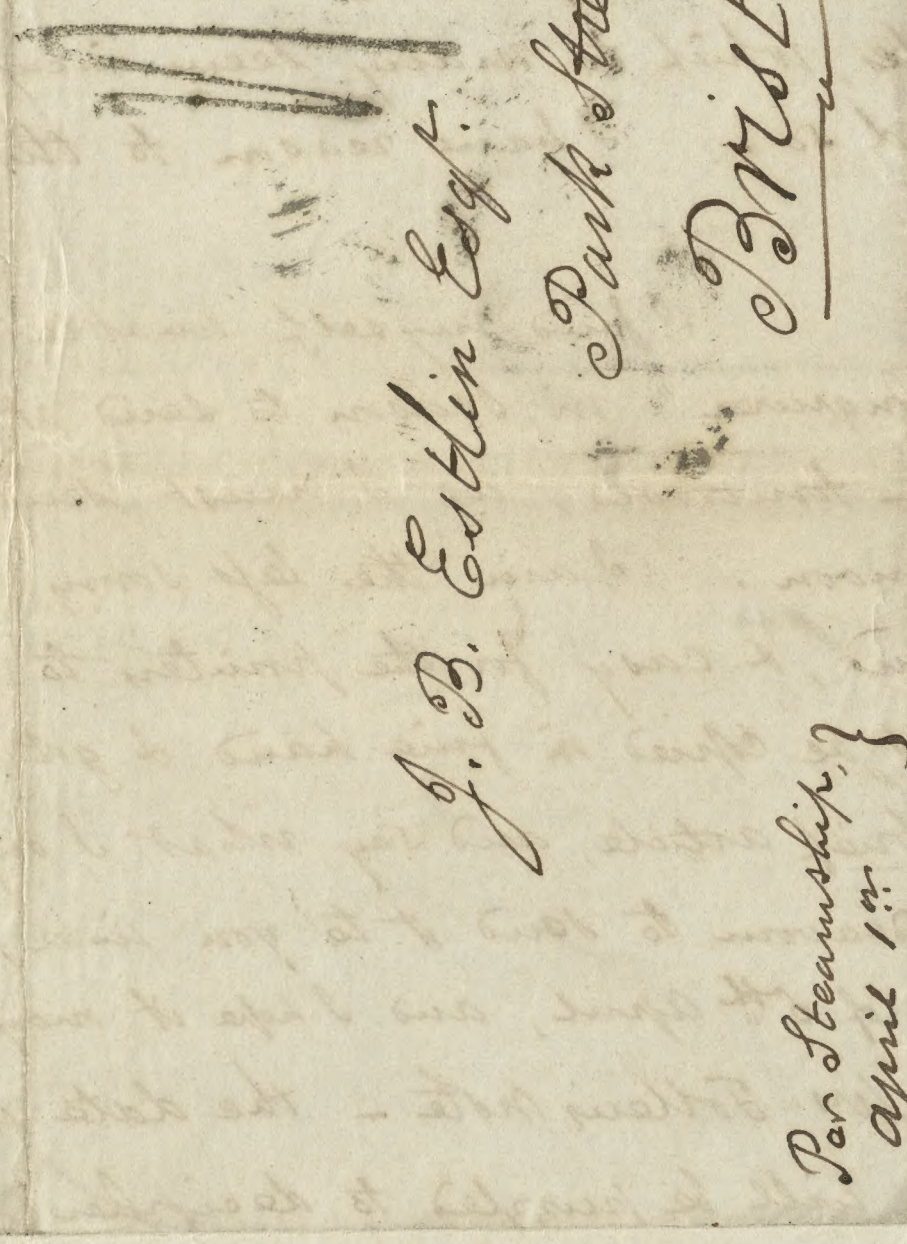
If F. Douglass should be in Bristol when you receive this (which probably will not be the case) please offer my most friendly sympathy & regard to him, and my congratulations on being with such good friends.

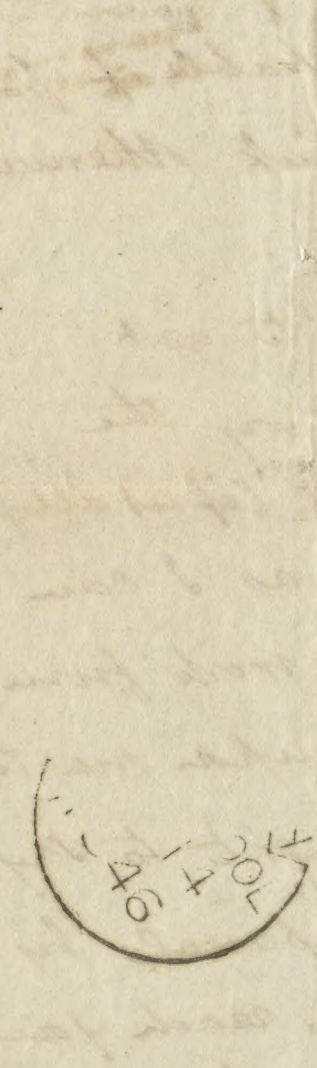
Please remember me, with sincere regard, to your daughter — also to Mr. James. I have written to Miss C. by this Mail. — My children, or rather my little girl wrote a note of thanks to your daughter, for the beautiful books

the sent them. The note went in the parcel referred to at the beginning of this letter. With sincere respect, I remain, Yours

Samuel May.

I am quite eager to see your Pamphlet. I hope to like it very much. I know I cannot fail to like it, for the most part, to say the least. I am not displeased with ~~one~~ one, who does not like every thing I do.





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